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LAME DEER STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN CAREER PROGRAM AT UM MISSOULA--

Nine **Lame Deer** students are among 21 Montanans chosen to participate in an innovative summer program at The University of Montana.

The six-week Mental Health Careers Opportunity Program offers high school juniors and seniors a head start in the health or mental health professions. Participants receive college-preparatory training in psychology, physical therapy, pharmacy, pre-med and pre-nursing.

The Lame Deer participants are:

- Donine Gardner, Celesta Limberhand, Jolynn OtherBull and Karlina Talawyma, who will be seniors at Lame Deer High School this fall;
- Brandon Walks Along and Sean Spear, juniors at LDHS;
- Stella Seminole, 2001 graduate of LDHS;
- Josie Rising Sun, a senior at St. Labre High School; and
- Desi Small-Rodriguez, a junior at Dos Pueblos High School.

MHCOP, held June 18 to July 28, offers academic challenges, outdoor adventures and the opportunity to meet new people while getting a taste of college life. In addition to health-related education, students gain skills in math, writing, public speaking, learning strategies and computers.

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Students leave the program ready to meet the demands of course work at community and tribal colleges or four-year universities.

MHCOP is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. For more information, visit the Web site at www.umt.edu/mhcop.

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